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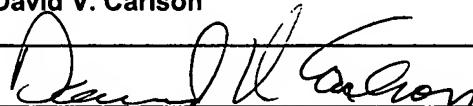
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| | Art Unit | 2813 |
| | Examiner Name | Jennifer M. Dolan |
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Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$)**1,108**

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

| Large Entity | Small Entity | Fee Code | Fee (\$) | Fee Code | Fee (\$) | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
|--------------|--------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|------------------------|--------------|
| 1001 | 770 | 2001 | 385 | | | Utility filing fee | |
| 1002 | 340 | 2002 | 170 | | | Design filing fee | |
| 1003 | 530 | 2003 | 265 | | | Plant filing fee | |
| 1004 | 770 | 2004 | 385 | | | Reissue filing fee | |
| 1005 | 160 | 2005 | 80 | | | Provisional filing fee | |
| | | | | | | SUBTOTAL (1) | (\$0) |

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

| Total Claims | 34 | -30** | = | 4 | Extra Claims | Fee from below | Fee Paid |
|--------------------|----|-------|---|---|--------------|----------------|----------|
| Independent Claims | 5 | -4** | = | 1 | * | 86 | 86 |
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| Large Entity | Small Entity | Fee Code | Fee (\$) | Fee Description | Fee Paid | | |
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| 1202 | 18 | 2202 | 9 | Claims in excess of 20 | | | |
| 1201 | 86 | 2201 | 43 | Independent claims in excess of 3 | | | |
| 1203 | 290 | 2203 | 145 | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid | | | |
| 1204 | 86 | 2204 | 43 | ** Reissue independent claims over original patent | | | |
| 1205 | 18 | 2205 | 9 | ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent | | | |
| | | | | | | SUBTOTAL (2) | (\$158) |

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FEE CALCULATION (continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

| Large Entity | Small Entity | Fee Code | Fee (\$) | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
|------------------------------------|--------------|----------|----------|--|----------|
| 1051 | 130 | 2051 | 65 | Surcharge - late filing fee or oath | |
| 1052 | 50 | 2052 | 25 | Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet | |
| 1053 | 130 | 1053 | 130 | Non-English specification | |
| 1812 | 2520 | 1812 | 2520 | For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination | |
| 1804 | 920* | 1804 | 920* | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action | |
| 1805 | 1840* | 1805 | 1840* | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action | |
| 1251 | 110 | 2251 | 55 | Extension for reply within first month | |
| 1252 | 420 | 2252 | 210 | Extension for reply within second month | |
| 1253 | 950 | 2253 | 475 | Extension for reply within third month | 950 |
| 1254 | 1480 | 2254 | 740 | Extension for reply within fourth month | |
| 1255 | 2010 | 2255 | 1005 | Extension for reply within fifth month | |
| 1401 | 330 | 2401 | 165 | Notice of Appeal | |
| 1402 | 330 | 2402 | 165 | Filing a brief in support of an appeal | |
| 1403 | 290 | 2403 | 145 | Request for oral hearing | |
| 1451 | 1510 | 1451 | 1510 | Petition to institute a public use proceeding | |
| 1452 | 110 | 2452 | 55 | Petition to revive - unavoidable | |
| 1453 | 1330 | 2453 | 665 | Petition to revive - unintentional | |
| 1501 | 1330 | 2501 | 665 | Utility issue fee (or reissue) | |
| 1502 | 480 | 2502 | 240 | Design issue fee | |
| 1503 | 640 | 2503 | 320 | Plant issue fee | |
| 1460 | 130 | 1460 | 130 | Petitions to the Commissioner | |
| 1807 | 50 | 1807 | 50 | Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q) | |
| 1806 | 180 | 1806 | 180 | Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt | |
| | | | | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) | |
| 8021 | 40 | 8021 | 40 | | |
| 1809 | 770 | 2809 | 385 | Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a)) | |
| 1810 | 770 | 2810 | 385 | For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b)) | |
| 1801 | 770 | 2801 | 385 | Request for Continued Examination (RCE) | |
| 1802 | 900 | 1802 | 900 | Request for expedited examination of a design application | |
| Other fee (specify) _____ | | | | | |
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| SUBTOTAL (3) (\$950) | | | | | |

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